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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

GLENN L. MILLHAUSER, DARREN A. THOMPSON, KIMBERLEY A. BOLIN, D. JOE ANDERSON, and JOSEPH C. MCNULTY

Examiner: Carolyn L. Smith

Application No.: **09/851,586**

Art Unit: 1631

Filed: **05/08/2001**

For: **A MINIMIZED AGOUTI-RELATED PROTEIN (MARP) (As Amended)**

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 30, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for three months; and
- 2) A supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (PTO Form 1449).

Please amend the specification and/or claims as shown herein.

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